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Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10, 17, and 18 have been canceled.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A highly compact and portable absorbent article comprising:
a packaging; and
an absorbent article reconfigurable from a normal condition to a compressed condition;
said absorbent article having three dimensions at least one of which is reduced when said
absorbent article is in said compressed condition;
said absorbent article occupying a volume of space that is reduced by at least about 30%
when said absorbent article is reconfigured from said normal condition to said compressed
condition; and
said absorbent article being retained by said packaging when in said compressed
condition.

16. (AMENDED) A method for packaging absorbent articles so that the absorbent
articles are compact and portable, said method comprising the steps of:
providing an absorbent article, the absorbent article occupying a volume of space in three
dimensions;
reconfiguring the absorbent article such that the volume of space is reduced by at least
30% in at least one of the dimensions;
retaining the absorbent article when reconfigured.

New claims 21 and 22 have been added as follows:

21. (NEW) A set as claimed in claim 11 wherein each of said absorbent articles is a
diaper.

22. (NEW) A set as claimed in claim 13 wherein each of said absorbent articles is a
diaper.